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THE VALUE OF SISTERHOOD

BY LIZ APPEL RINCK, Γ/BUTLER, EDITOR

ANNUAL PER CAPITA DUES PAID BY A THETA COLLEGIAN: \$105
 COST OF A STANDARD THETA BADGE: \$100
 AVERAGE THETA ALUMNAE CHAPTER DUES: \$30
 A LIFETIME OF SISTERHOOD: PRICELESS*

As the old saying goes, it is easy to determine the cost of things; it is more difficult sometimes to calculate their value. How much are happy memories worth? What is the price of someone being there when you need her? What is a friend worth? What is Theta worth?

Everyone who reads this magazine has a different answer to those questions, but your editor is confident that each answer is some variation of "priceless." Because it is impossible to place a price on sisterhood.

Recognizing that Kappa Alpha Theta is defined by our sisterhood and that the definition of sisterhood is different for every member, we strive on the pages of each issue of this magazine to share as many stories about sisterhood as we can, in as many forms as we can. We strive to illustrate the opportunity, influence, and true promise of our Fraternity as demonstrated in the lives and stories of our members, and we hope to inspire, challenge, and make you, dear readers, proud to be Thetas.

Inspiration, pride, and the true promise of Theta sisterhood are amply illustrated in this issue of our magazine.

In July, nearly 700 alumnae and collegians traveled to Tucson for Grand Convention 2010. They conducted the business of the Fraternity, raised a record amount of money for Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, celebrated outstanding college and alumnae chapters, and walked for CASA. To read more about this wonderfully successful event, please turn to page 12.

In 2009, the Fraternity commemorated our 20-year relationship with Court Appointed Special Advocates, and the story on page 18 proves that CASA remains near and dear to Theta hearts. Lisa Smith, Delta Kappa/LSU, and her JC Penney coworkers discovered that hands-on volunteering is a gift that keeps on giving.

Venturing to a place where few people visit, let alone live, Sandra Edberg Keillor, Gamma Nu/North Dakota State, spent almost three months in Antarctica. Her tale of adventure "on the ice" begins on page 20.

Theta's educational leadership consultants (ELCs) are also experienced travelers, visiting college chapters across the US and Canada. They recount their journeys in a blog on the Theta website, portions of which are reproduced beginning on page 24. These are followed by brief résumés of the accomplished young women who serve the Fraternity as ELCs in 2010-11.

Certainly a fraternity is composed of much more than attractive, adequate housing, yet Kappa Alpha Theta is judged not only by its members but also by the exterior and interior appearance and quality of the facility it maintains, as well as the resources it provides the membership. Theta's national housing corporation has been busy with two major projects this year. The Beta Nu Chapter at Florida State and the Gamma Mu Chapter at Maryland have undergone extensive renovations this year. On page 29 are a few "before" and "after" photos from the Gamma Mu renovation; photos from Beta Nu will be published in the Winter 2010-11 issue.

Over the years, many women—including many Thetas—have expressed their thoughts about sisterhood in letters, novels, poems, and essays. One thought, attributed to "anonymous," is especially endearing. "In the cookies of life, sisters are the chocolate chips." We hope you find this issue of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* as much a treat as a freshly baked chocolate cookie. ♦

*Adapted from MasterCard's "Priceless" advertising campaign.

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Notice: Because Kappa Alpha Theta is not an officially recognized student group at Harvard or Santa Clara University, these schools prohibit using "Harvard" or "Santa Clara" in any published reference to our Zeta Xi or Eta Lambda Chapter.

We regret the following error: In "Recruitment Results," (Summer 2010) the Eta Omicron Chapter at North Florida was incorrectly identified as the Epsilon Omicron Chapter.

YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW, KAPPA ALPHA THETA EXISTS TO NURTURE EACH MEMBER THROUGHOUT HER COLLEGE AND ALUMNAE EXPERIENCE AND TO OFFER LIFELONG OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND MORAL GROWTH AS SHE MEETS THE HIGHER AND BROADER DEMANDS OF MATURE LIFE.

THE PINNACLE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Kappa Alpha Theta's social media initiatives were recognized with a Pinnacle Award by the Hoosier Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) at an awards ceremony in May. The 2010 Pinnacle Awards recognize the best Indiana communicators for public relations work completed in 2009.



"The essence of award-winning communication is not about output, it's about outcomes. In this business environment, it's important to appreciate the value that good communications practices can deliver," said PRSA Hoosier Chapter President Jamaison Schuler. "Winners don't just receive a trophy, they're also recognized and celebrated by peers as professionals valued by this industry."

MILESTONES

The summer of 2010 marked milestone anniversaries for the following Theta officers. (Their current offices are listed below.)

5 Years

- Nicole P. Alberti
membership district director
- Laura Ware Doerre
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- Kory Linde Ellefsen
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10 Years

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15 Years

Julie Ruffolo Gilpin
Fraternity vice-president public relations

25 Years

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retired Fraternity vice-president education

30 Years

Mary Edith Estes Arnold
retired Fraternity archivist

35 Years

Louise Wetstein Simpson
director of PAS

MISSING MAGAZINE?

If you misplaced the Summer 2010 issue of *The Magazine* before you had a chance to finish it, or your dog ate it, or your postal carrier failed to deliver it, you can read it online! After you've logged into the Fraternity's website, simply click *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* link on the left side of your screen.

In addition to giving you access to past issues (We're adding more all the time.), the magazine area also includes a bit of publication history as well as information about submission and advertising requirements.

REUNIONS ANNOUNCED

AH/Kansas State. Our 50th anniversary committee is in full swing planning the events for April 8-10, 2011. Visit the chapter website, www.k-statethetas.com, and our Kappa Alpha Theta Delta Eta Chapter Alumnae Facebook page for more details.

PLANNING A REUNION?

Place a reunion notice in *The Magazine* and on the Theta website. Mail a brief notice to Reunions, *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268, and e-mail webmaster@kappaalphatheta.org.

Notices for reunions to be held May through July must be received by January 31; for August through October, received by April 11; for November through January, received by July 11; and for February through April, by October 23. ♦

WHAT'S NEW?

Is there some exciting news about yourself or your chapter that you'd like to share with other Thetas? Let us know! A submission form may be found in *The Magazine* area of the Theta website, or you may send items via e-mail or snail mail to the editor. Addresses are listed on page 2. Please include your name and chapter of affiliation with each submission.

WRITE TO US

Do you have a comment about an article in this or any other issue of *The Magazine*? Do you know an accomplished Theta who would be a good subject for a profile article? Do you have a Theta issue on your mind? Then let us hear from you! We are pleased to receive letters from our readers; we value your input. Correspondence by regular mail or e-mail may be sent to the editor. (See page 2 for addresses.)

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50 sweet years

KAPPA ALPHA THETA FOUNDATION

For half a century Theta women have supported one another through Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. Established in 1960, Theta Foundation continues today with the same spirit of giving, receiving and sharing and the mission to link members with resources to help them reach their fullest potential and make a difference in the world. Created by Thetas for Thetas, Theta Foundation scholarships, educational and leadership grants, and financial hardship grants are made possible through tax-exempt donations from Theta members and supporters to Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation.



Give, receive or share,
and make Theta dreams possible.

give



This year, thousands of sisters came together to honor those who have made a difference in their Theta experiences and support Theta women. Through Pansy Patch, Thetas and friends of Thetas around the world raised an incredible \$92,902.52 to make Theta Foundation scholarships, grants, Friendship Fund gifts, and Fraternity programs possible.

In our 50-year history, the spirit of sisters making gifts both big and small has made possible more than \$23 million in gifts to Theta women and their communities.

Gifts honoring a Theta or friend of Theta can be made any time at www.KappaAlphaThetaFoundation.org or via mail to Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. Online gifts to Theta Foundation can be set up to recur weekly, monthly or annually.

receive



In 2010, Theta Foundation awarded \$615,425 in scholarships to 249 Theta women representing 98 Theta chapters. Please join us in congratulating these 2010 recipients and thanking Foundation donors who make these awards possible. A complete list of 2010 scholarship recipients is available at www.KappaAlphaThetaFoundation.org/recent-scholarship-recipients.

A leader in the Greek community, Theta Foundation has awarded a total of \$8.8 million in graduate and undergraduate scholarships to Theta women, helping them to reach their highest potential and make a difference in the world.

For complete information on Theta Foundation scholarships, grants and Friendship Fund gifts, including deadlines, applications, and eligibility requirements, visit www.KappaAlphaThetaFoundation.org/receive.

share



Each year, Theta women exercise their widest influence for good by sharing their time and talents with Theta, their communities, and the world. This year, Theta Foundation is proud to support the Fraternity's service project in New Mexico, the Educational Leadership Consultant program, and many other programs and opportunities that enable Theta women to share.

The Theta Foundation story is written by those who give, receive, and share. You can help ensure Theta Foundation can continue to support Theta women for years to come by sharing your story as a donor, recipient, or volunteer.

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ALPHA GAMMA CHAPTER AT OHIO STATE HELD A VERY SUCCESSFUL THETA 5K FOR KIDS, WHICH RAISED MORE THAN \$6,800 FOR CASA AND THETA FOUNDATION. BARBARA MATTA, I/BUTLER, WIFE OF OHIO STATE BASKETBALL COACH THAD MATTA, AND JACKIE WILSON, DIRECTOR OF CASA OF COLUMBUS, WERE BOTH IN ATTENDANCE.



A Delta Eta Chapter at Kansas State is proud to have three past state officers and one current state officer of the Kansas Future Farmers of America among its members. Pictured are (front) Annarose Hart, Allison Penner, (back) Torie Reilly, and Lacey George.

B At Wofford's Greek Week, Zeta Eta Chapter received Panhellenic awards for new member scholarship, organizational scholarship, sisterhood, relationship with national organization, varsity athletics, and chapter of the year.

C Gamma Mu Chapter at Maryland Wesleyan held its annual KATs and BATs philanthropy event in April.

D Leigh Pollet and Whitney Godwin, both $\Delta K/\text{LSU}$, supported Habitat for Humanity during LSU's Greek Week. The chapter placed third in overall attendance at the event, which helped to build two houses in Baton Rouge.

E Kelly Rogers, AX/Purdue , was able to meet Adam Richman of *Man vs. Food*. Rogers was working at Bub's Burgers & Ice Cream in Carmel, Ind., where Richman filmed an episode of his show.

F Gamma Mu Chapter at Maryland raised \$1,400 for CASA and Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation at its third annual Theta-FIJJ Backyard BBQ and Corn-hole Tournament.

G Congratulations to Epsilon Iota Chapter at Westminster. At the university's annual awards banquet, the chapter received the Panhellenic grades award, for having both the highest overall chapter GPA and new member class GPA; The English Cup award, for overall highest GPA for the two previous semesters; and the Droston Cup award, for best overall program of community service. Seven members of the chapter also received individual awards.

H The newly-formed Mobile Bay (Ala.) Alumnae Chapter held its first Founders Day celebration at the Bienville Club.

I Edie Hofstead Cabaniss, $\Delta X/\text{Virginia}$, and

THETAS OF NOTE



Ball State University awarded **SARAH ATKINSON, $\Delta\epsilon/\text{BALL STATE}$** , with its Family & Consumer Sciences Alumni Award of Achievement for accomplishments in the field of residential property management.



DEBBIE FRIEZ, $\Delta\text{II}/\text{NORTH DAKOTA}$, has been elected president of Washington Women in Public Relations (www.wppr.org).



MELINDA WEISS CHIPLEY, $\Delta\text{P}/\text{UC RIVERSIDE}$, received the UCLA Panhellenic Association's 2009-10 alumnae volunteer of the year at the 2010 spring awards banquet.



JENNA GOLDEN, $\text{II}/\text{MICHIGAN}$, has been named associate publisher of *The New Republic*.



LINDA PIEPLOW, $\text{I}/\text{M}/\text{MARYLAND}$, was honored with one of the 2009-10 Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Awards by the *Washington Post*.



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Casey Woodward, ΔX/Virginia, connected at a Boston College vs. Virginia football game. Woodward was the recipient of one of the Foundation scholarships named after Cabaniss's mother.

J Long-time friends Louise Lev Geil, BI/Colorado, and Carolyn Watson Kruger, A/DePauw, both of the Flatirons Alumnae Chapter, enjoyed the chapter's Founders Day celebration at the Beta Iota Chapter facility.

K The Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter held its annual Founders Day celebration. Pictured are Rosanne Ertl Peterson, ΔΨ/UC Riverside, and Liz Mueller and Kristen Ripplinger, both Ψ/Wisconsin.

L Gamma Psi Chapter seniors Meredith

Armstrong and Haley Huchton, Kathryn Crunk Laughlin, ΓΦ/Texas Tech, and Gamma Psi Chapter seniors Ayla Landry and Natalie Brown attended the Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter/Gamma Psi Chapter advisory board's senior service.

M Three generations of Thetas participated in Larissa Musgrave's initiation at BP/Duke. Pictured are mother Betsy Lee Musgrave, AΓ/Ohio State; Musgrave; and grandmother Kay Cameron Musgrave, AΓ/Ohio State.

N Epsilon Phi Chapter at Chicago joined the Chicago North Shore Alumnae Chapter for a Founders Day celebration in Skokie, Ill. Pictured are Frannie Kobiernicki and Gabby Blackwell, both EΦ/Chicago; Elizabeth Behrmann West

and Kim Grant, both HN/Lake Forest; and Liz Sugden, Celeste Henkelmann, Markie Westwood, Ali Meyers, and Ellie Roberts, all EΦ/Chicago.

Not pictured

Delta Iota Chapter at Puget Sound was selected as the university's chapter of the year for the second year in a row.

The Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter honored Sally Tull Renshaw, Rue Campbell Ford, Shirley Wood Newsome, Pat Sanders Werner, Kay Lockman Clinkscale, and Frances Corn Chandler at a spring tea. The six women founded Gamma Psi Chapter at Texas Christian and were celebrating their 55th anniversary as Thetas.



EMILY PARKS, ZO/WAKE FOREST, was elected professional development director for the North Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers.



The Clearwater (Florida) Alumnae Panhellenic Association honored **JOANN DILLEY BLACKBURN, M/ALLEGHENY**, with the Panhellenic achievement award.



CAROLYN CROWELL LAWTON was recently named president of the Clearwater (Florida) Alumnae Panhellenic Association.



MOLLY SWART, II/ALBION, was honored with the Albion College Distinguished Alumni and Meritorious Service Award.



The US State Dept. has selected **NAVDEEP AUJA, ΔΔ/WHITMAN**, for a Pickering Undergraduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship. It provides funds and prepares participants academically and professionally to enter the Department of State Foreign Service.



TWENTY-NINE MEMBERS OF BETA ZETA CHAPTER'S 1980 INITIATION CLASS AT OKLAHOMA STATE HELD A REUNION AT THE CHAPTER FACILITY AND EVEN FLEW KITES ON THE LIBRARY LAWN. PICTURED ARE (FRONT) TERRI RAWDON MCCAULEY, AMY GAMBULOS COTTRELL, LAURA WARREN RANKIN, JILL WAGNER UHLENHOP, (SECOND ROW) KELLY REID ROSS, CEANNE THOMPSON BLAIR, KELLY STEICHEN SMITH, MARTA KELLE HENDERSON, PAULA ZIEGENFUSS JARAMILLO, MICHELLE DEBOIS ESKEW, (THIRD ROW) LYNNE HOOVER ALLEN, CINDY DUNN CIEMINSKI, MONICA NEVILLE CRODIAN, JANNEKE BUITINK HAVERKAMP, SUE LITKE FARRELL, MARCIA MATTHEWS HUTTON, (BACK) GINNY STOUGH CHRISMAN, AND MARY NELL SIMPSON BRUEGGEN.

THETA REUNIONS

A Gamma Gamma Chapter from Rollins held a reunion weekend in Winter Park, Fla. Thetas in attendance were Judy Wommack Pfingstag, Becky Johnson Hanna, Barbara Postell Kelly, Linn Terry Spalding, Betty Fritz Bachman, Lisa Lyle Vimmerstedt, Joda Connell, Caroline Smith Taylor, Margaret Smylie Hunter, Debbie Anderson Stephens, and Sally Tinsley Cunningham.

B Fracie Gary, Ani Bergstrom, Morgan Brickley, Sarah Anderson, Caroline Poduch, and Lizette Penalber (front), alumnae of Psi Chapter at Wisconsin,

reunited to run in the Crazylegs Classic in Madison, Wis.

C Members of the 2001 initiation class of Delta Eta Chapter at Kansas State reunited at a Kansas City Royals game.

D Kim Landon Boyd, Dana Grubbs Andrews, Susan Donziger Sherman, Linda Marshall Hale, (back) Renee Reeves Webb, Sally Parker White, Mildred Cross Spalding, and Diane Weisbach Clegg, along with other members of the 1981 and 1982 initiation classes of Gamma Delta Chapter at Georgia, reunited at St. Simons Island in February 2010.

E Charmaine Grogan Judson, Donna Vialut Eastman, Linda Jenkins Skellett, Lynda Dolley Ward, Judy Lane Barlow, Laurie Collins Hoagland, Thea Sadowski Samples, Patty Jillian Maiolo, Judith Price Clarke, Suzanne Todd Krapf, Janna Bryant Wright, Leslie Hall Bambauer, Faye Henderson Campbell, Sharon Gessel Hazewinkel, Margo Seamans Dutton, Susan Straith Wiser, Mayla Reed Clark, and Antoi Krukenberg Cole, all alumnae of Omicron Chapter at USC, gathered for a reunion at Lake Arrowhead.

F TH/Massachusetts alumnae met in Portsmouth, NH, for the group's annual reunion. Attending were (front) Rosemary

THETAS OF NOTE



The *Legal Intelligence* has selected **AMANDA SUNDQUIST, EI/BUCKNELL**, as a 2010 Lawyer on the Fast Track. The honor is given annually to 30 attorneys who represent the next generation of legal professionals in Pennsylvania.



North Dakota State University honored **ESTHER MYERS, TN/N. DAKOTA STATE**, with an honorary doctorate degree. The college of human development and education also named her the 2009 Distinguished Alumna Award.



HEATHER TRIPLETT BIEHL, EI/WESTMINSTER, has been chosen by Alpha Chi National College Honor Society to receive the 2011 Alpha Chi Distinguished Alumni Award.



CORNELIA A. CLARK, AIH/VANDERBILT, has been sworn in as chief justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court. She is only the second female chief justice in the state's history.



DR. SAMANTHA JOYE, AE/NORTH CAROLINA, is a professor of marine sciences at the University of Georgia and has become an expert on the Gulf Coast oil spill. Currently on a research vessel in the Gulf, she maintains a



Seward Loveday, Carolyn Blood Bourne, (back) Margaret Walter Mighton, Barbara Murphy Little, Pat Savage Diatelevi, Betty Erker Rooney, Lynda Bonney Cudiny, Del Comeau Bradley, Bonnie Hunter Wilkes, Joanne Pariseau O'Leary, and Joyce Blum DeWallace.

G Barb Doerflinger Moriarity, Maureen Fahey Bowers, Sharon Mueller Renner, Laura Biddle Bruckman, Ellen Garrigus Jones and Julie Miller Gutierrez, all $\Delta\Sigma/\text{Ball State}$, reunited in June for dinner and laughter in Carmel, Ind.

H The Beta Epsilon Chapter initiation class of 1976 from Oregon State held a reunion weekend in Phoenix, Ariz. Attendees included (front) Lori Worthington Coffee, Sabey Pingree Grange, Debbie Skorpen Marsala,

Nancie Carl Fisher, Joann Souza Altendorf, Carol Cook Willard, (back) Diane Fenimore Bramsman, Susan O'Rourke Cain, Ann Mullur Matschiner, Karen Stromme, Ann Daneke Worthington, Paula Six Noda, Teri Edwards McLeod, Nancy Watt Schulberg, and Monica Flynn Beyer.

I Carolyn Cousins Sullivan and Gail Peters Karsian, both of Gamma Zeta Chapter at Connecticut, reunited for an African safari in September after not seeing each other for more than 50 years!

J Katy Berkemeyer, $\text{AH}/\text{Vanderbilt}$, and Virginia Porter, $\Delta\Phi/\text{Clemson}$, snapped a photo in Munich while traveling together throughout Europe.

K Alumnae of Beta Nu Chapter at Florida

State attended a reunion in Sarasota, Fla. Every member of the reunion group is a 50-year Theta!

L Alumnae of the 2005 initiation class at $\Gamma\text{TI}/\text{Iowa State}$ gathered for their first reunion since graduation. The women spent a weekend at a cabin and hope to make it an annual tradition.

Not Pictured

More than 160 alumnae of Alpha Xi Chapter at Oregon, representing the 1930s-1990s, gathered to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the chapter's founding.

Delta Iota Chapter at Puget Sound hosted ThetaThon for CASA, a 5K walk/run and raffle, which raised more than \$1,000 for Pierce County.

blog about her work, <http://gulfblog.uga.edu/>.

KATE LEARY, $\text{AQ}/\text{OKLAHOMA}$, has released her first CD, *Can't Stop Dreaming*. The CD can be purchased on iTunes, CD Baby, and MySpace Music.

KRISTEN SMITH, $\Sigma\Sigma/\text{OHIO NORTHERN}$, and **RACHEL ZACCARDELLI, $\text{IK}/\text{JOHN CARROLL}$** , were recipients of two Cleveland Alumnae Panhellenic Association scholarships.

ELIZABETH MUNDY, $\text{AT}/\text{OHIO STATE}$ spent three months as a volunteer in Cambodia, living at Children's Orphanage Samrong with 65 students, teaching English and hospitality classes.

DR. NANCY LUSK ZIMPHER, $\text{AT}/\text{OHIO STATE}$, has taken the position of chancellor of the State University of New York system, the largest comprehensive university system in the US.

DR. FRANCES HOLDEN FITE, $\Delta\Sigma/\text{EMORY}$, received her doctoral degree in Hebrew Studies from the graduate division of religion at Emory.

ALICE (CIS) AYLESWORTH MYERS, $\text{X}/\text{SYRACUSE}$, was honored with the *Austin Business Journal's* Profiles in Power Award 2010, which is given to the top female industry leaders in Central Texas.

BETSY LEWIS GALL, $\text{Y}/\text{MINNESOTA}$, and her business partner have launched a politically inspired fashion line, Cool Conservative LLC, www.coolconservativegear.com.

The Akron Community Foundation presented the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award to **KATHRYN MOTZ HUNTER, $\Gamma\text{Y}/\text{OHIO WESLEYAN}$** , for her efforts in her community. She was also named United Way's 2010 Woman

Philanthropist of the Year.

The International Women's Forum (IWF) honored federal district court judge **BARBARA BRANDRIFF CRABB, $\Psi/\text{WISCONSIN}$** , as one of IWF's 2010 Women Who Make A Difference. The award is given to 10 members annually, from IWF's membership of 4,500, to celebrate workplace diversity support for the advancement of women, and enlightened leadership. δ

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

KAΘ CELEBRATES THE FOLLOWING CHARTER LIFE LOYAL MEMBERS*

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Allison Long
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Lisa M. Horton
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Katherine Davis
Stephanie Crews McNelis

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Valerie Payne Compass
Kimberly D. Green
Shivani Sharma

ΑΜ/MISSOURI

Mary Edith Estes Arnold
Amy Jo Bellis
Lynn Jones Fight
Janie Gibson
Anna McLaughlin
Erin Kretzschmar Nash
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Nancy Walworth
Stephenson
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Tracey Horn Nelson
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Kari E. Gustafson
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Diane L. Lochner
Alyssa A. Walker

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Sandra Wirstandley Feola
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Ann Fawcett Murphy
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ΒΓ/COLORADO ST.

Christina Suzanne Bloom
Jill Pedicord Peterson

ΒΔ/ARIZONA

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Lauren M. Murphy

ΒΕ/OREGON STATE

Kendall M. Distefano
Tommye Craner Kuske

ΒΖ/OKLAHOMA STATE

Darbi Kinkaid Abstrom
Cindy Smith Clayton
Hannah Keith
Cheryl Colwell Kinkaid
Vicki Coleman Nelson

ΒΗ/PENNSYLVANIA

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ΒΘ/IDAHO

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ΒΙ/COLORADO

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Robinson
Ann Mercer Varey

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ΓΟ/NEW MEXICO

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ΓΠ/IOWA STATE

Noreen Connell Cohan

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WHAT IS KAPPA ALPHA THETA LIFE LOYAL?

The Life Loyal program is an optional program for members who wish to further support Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity financially. Revenue made from memberships in the program will support an endowment of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* and future educational and personal development programs for our college and alumnae members.

When you become a Life Loyal member, you will receive:

- A beautifully crafted lapel pin
- A personalized membership card confirming your Life Loyal status
- A lifetime subscription to and recognition in our quarterly magazine, *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*

As an added benefit, charter members will receive an exclusive limited edition Life Loyal Kappa Alpha Theta silver bracelet.

The one-time cost of membership in Kappa Alpha Theta Life Loyal is \$299 or, for added convenience, 12 monthly payments of \$28. Our 50-year-plus members can join for a one-time cost of \$189. Payments can be received in a variety of methods to satisfy almost all budgets.

Please visit our website, www.thetalifeloyal.org/magazine, to learn more about Kappa Alpha Theta Life Loyal. You may also contact Ruth Charles-Myers, affinity program manager, rcharles-myers@kappaalphatheta.org.

*These Thetas chose Life Loyal membership between May 15 and August 10, 2010.

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ΓΧ/FRESNO STATE

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ΓΥ/TCU

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Kara Gauthier Morey
Susan Stunkel Thomas

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ΔZ/EMORY

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ΔH/KANSAS STATE

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ΔI/PUGET SOUND

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A LIFE LOYAL FAMILY

Cathie Waters Cardelucci, BE/UCLA, has had a lifetime of wonderful memories in Kappa Alpha Theta. So, when she was able to initiate her daughter, Jessica Cardelucci, as a charter member of Eta Sigma/Chapman in 2008, it was one of her happiest days as a Theta—and as a mother.

And when the Fraternity announced its Life Loyal campaign, Cathie knew it was something she wanted to support, not only for herself but for her daughter, too. She made the decision to purchase Life Loyal memberships for them both in order to give back to the organization that had given, and continues to give, so much to their family.

"When I joined Theta, it was a lifetime commitment for me. Life Loyal is just the next step in my promise to be an earnest, faithful, and enthusiastic worker for Theta!" ☺

"It is my greatest hope that my daughter receives as much from Theta as I do. Our purpose as Thetas is to support members to learn, grow and excel, so for me, that starts at home with my own daughter! By providing her with a Life Loyal membership, I am ensuring that the next generation of Thetas will receive all of the love and support that Theta can bring to their lives."

—Cathie Waters Cardelucci, BE/UCLA

"From the minute my mom initiated me as a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, I knew our relationship would be changed forever. Theta has brought us closer together in a way that I never could have imagined, and I am thankful to have been able to learn and grow within the Fraternity with the help and support of my mom by my side. Now that I am an alumna, being an active Theta for life is something very important to me, as I have seen what a positive impact it has had on my mom's life. The generous gift of Life Loyal membership from my mom is a wonderful opportunity that will allow me to stay involved with Theta for a lifetime!"

—Jessica Cardelucci, HE/Chapman

Cathie Waters Cardelucci, BE/UCLA, shares many bonds with her daughter, Jessica Cardelucci, HE/Chapman, including Theta sisterhood, and Life Loyal membership. Cathie and Jessica enjoyed attending Grand Convention 2010 (pictured).





GRAND CONVENTION 2010

WE TRAVELED TO TUCSON AND CELEBRATED SISTERHOOD

"Who can imagine what the future will hold for the women who follow us? We can! Because we have a purpose; we have a mission. It was laid out for us 140 years ago. Yesterday, today, and tomorrow, Kappa Alpha Theta exists to nurture each member throughout her college and alumnae experience and to offer a lifelong opportunity for social, intellectual, and moral growth as she meets the higher and broader demands of mature life.

"If we are guided by our founding values in the decisions we make and the leaders we choose, Kappa Alpha Theta will continue to provide opportunities for members and chapters at every stage of life. We can imagine a future in which Kappa Alpha Theta, founded on the ideals of noblest womanhood, continues to give the gift of truest sisterhood."

With these words, Fraternity President Katie Bushy, Epsilon Zeta/Mississippi, convened Kappa Alpha Theta's 69th Grand Convention in Tucson. Nearly 700 Thetas gathered at the JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort from June 23 through June 26.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

Grand Convention governs the Fraternity. Delegates—comprising college and alumnae chapter presidents; college and alumnae district presidents; members of Grand Council, including the Foundation president; and the National

Panhellenic Conference delegate—considered and voted on 31 amendments to *The Kappa Alpha Theta Constitution and Bylaws*.

Legislation included streamlining and clarifying the college member discipline process, codifying a social media policy for the Fraternity, and establishing consistency between risk management policies and philanthropic event practices. (An electronic, searchable version of the current Constitution and Bylaws is available at www.kappalphatheta.org. After logging in, click on Theta Manuals in the Resources drop-down menu.)

THETA FOUNDATION FUND-RAISER

In only its second year, Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation's Pansy Patch raised more than \$92,900 in support of scholarships and grants to Theta women and chapters, and to the Fraternity. That is more than double the amount earned during the inaugural Pansy Patch at Grand Convention 2008! Before and during Convention, Thetas were able to purchase colorful die-cut pansies in celebration, honor, or memory of a Theta sister. These special pansies, each with a message written on it, covered the walls of the main hallway at the Convention resort and created a huge Pansy Patch.

More than 18,500 pansies (pre-sale and





Convention sales combined) were sold. A District Pansy Patch Challenge encouraged Convention sales, and the winner of the challenge was District IX, whose chapters and members purchased 3,889 pansies, donating a total of \$19,445 to Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. The Delta Eta Chapter at Kansas State earned honors for most pansies purchased by a chapter. (A complete list of pansy honorees is available at <http://kappaalphathetafoundation.org/hall-of-honor>.)

CHAPTER RECOGNITION EVENTS

An Olympic theme served as the backdrop for Thursday night's college recognition dinner. More than 50 awards in 16 categories were presented to college chapters from across the continent. In recognizing the winner of the college chapter Founders Award, then-Fraternity Vice-President College Amy Hayner Kates, Alpha Phi/Tulane, said, "Alpha Mu has been recognized on the Missouri campus for their Panhellenic and interfraternal spirit. They consistently are leaders on their campus in terms of risk management, membership selection, service and scholarship. In fact, this chapter has achieved the highest GPA on campus for more than 30 consecutive semesters. This chapter exemplifies the standards of scholastic excellence, sisterhood, social congeniality, service, and leadership for which the Fraternity strives."

A fashion show featuring costumes from Theta's 14 decades of history was a highlight of the

alumnae recognition luncheon on Saturday. Also highlighted were the opportunities that alumnae chapters offer to Thetas. Announcing the winner of the alumnae chapter Founders Award, then-Fraternity President Katie Busby, Epsilon Zeta/Mississippi, said, "The Atlanta Alumnae Chapter has continued to grow in membership, including a concerted effort to welcome and involve young alumnae. Georgia CASA has consistently had an Atlanta Theta on the board for many years. In 2008, the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter was recognized and thanked at the annual Georgia CASA luncheon and fashion show for her steadfast commitment to Georgia CASA through time, treasure, and talent. The Atlanta Thetas are ardent in their support of the women of Delta Zeta Chapter at Emory University and have also consistently supported two endowed Foundation scholarships. This chapter is a great example of the strength and depth of the bonds of sisterhood." (A complete list of award winners begins on page 15.)

STARLIGHT WALK FOR CASA

On Friday night, more than 500 Thetas and special guests took a nighttime walk to benefit Court Appointed Special Advocates of Pima County, Arizona. Armed with flashlights and clad in specially designed T-shirts, participants in the first-ever Starlight Walk raised more than \$3,500 for CASA!

Robin Jameson McGraw, Omicron/USC, a long-time supporter of CASA and a goodwill ambassador for the Dr. Phil Foundation, served as the

A: Tucson was a beautiful setting for Convention; B: Spirits were high at registration; C: Former Fraternity presidents Lissa Luton Bradford, AE/Vanderbilt, Mary Jane Parker Beach, BN/Florida State, Janet Paine Peters, BQ/Colorado College; D: Participants in the Starlight Walk for CASA donned specially designed T-shirts; E: Each college chapter was represented by a chapter flag; F: The Alumnae Recognition Luncheon featured a "through the decades" fashion show; G: Stargazing was a popular activity at Fun Night; H: 2010 was the 23rd Convention for Florence Ashby, BN/Florida State; I: A variety of activities were available during the "Tree" afternoon; J: Council members hosted a receiving line each evening; K: Robin McGraw, O/USC, and Michael Piraino (center) were special guests for the CASA Walk; L: Theta Foundation's Pansy Patch raised more than \$90,000! M: In business sessions, college delegates sat in chapter order; N: Fun Night also featured a DJ and lots of dancing.

walk's honorary leader. "Phil and I do this for the kids," McGraw told participants. "I am honored to be a part of Theta's exemplary commitment to CASA and supporting kids everywhere who need a voice in court to obtain a safe home."

CONVENTION BANQUET

To conclude Convention, each participant lined up behind the current president of her chapter of initiation, who carried the chapter flag. Beginning with Alpha and ending with Eta Sigma, hundreds of Thetas processed silently

between rows of other Thetas as Theta's "Banquet Processional" played.

The procession concluded in the banquet room; Convention banquet ceremonies echoed the theme, "A Celebration of Sisterhood." Retiring Fraternity president Katie Busby installed the new Grand Council; newly installed Fraternity President Amy Kates, Alpha Phi/Tulane, honored Busby; Mary Ellen Kutsenda Fitzsimonds, Beta Kappa/Drake; Kimi Morris Martin, Alpha Omicron/Oklahoma; and Debbie Bornmann Allen, Delta Theta/Florida, retiring Council members.

2010-2012 GRAND COUNCIL

Amy Hayner Kates, Alpha Phi/Tulane, is newly elected to the position of **Fraternity president**. She previously served four years as Fraternity vice-president college, two years as Fraternity vice-president membership, and seven years as Theta's third alternate NPC delegate; she is also a former college district president, educational leadership consultant, advisory board chairman, and facility corporation board officer.

Kates and her husband are owners of Rope Access Technology USA. A member of the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter, she is also active in her church, children's schools, and Girl Scouts and has been a member of the Junior League in three cities.

Fraternity Vice-President College Paige Bendel Ellerman, Gamma Iota/Kentucky, begins her first term in this position. A former college district president, education district director, administrative district director, and educational leadership consultant, she has also served as an advisory board chairman and special assistance mentor.

Ellerman is a partner in the Taft, Stettinius, and Hollister law firm. A member of the Cincinnati Alumnae Chapter, she has also been president of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, a founding member and president of the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation, and on the board of trustees of the Cincinnati Bar Foundation.

Beginning her first term as **Fraternity vice-president alumnae** is Laura Ware Doerre, Delta Xi/North Carolina. Doerre has served as coordinator of the directors of risk management, a director of risk management, and a member of the Nominating Committee task force, as well as held numerous offices in the Houston Northwest Alumnae Chapter.

An attorney, she is general counsel and vice-president of Nabors Industries, Inc., and she is also active in her church.

Timberly Marek, Alpha Nu/Montana, resigned her position as **Fraternity vice-president education** in September. In accordance with Fraternity laws, Grand Council began a process to elect her successor and planned to announce the outcome in mid-October.

Suzanne Graf McLemore, Delta Pi/Tennessee, begins her second term as **Fraternity vice-president finance and facilities**. She previously served the Fraternity as a facility management district director. Locally, she has been director of the Centennial Capital Campaign for the Alpha Eta Chapter at Vanderbilt and a facility corporation board president.

McLemore's professional background is in finance, and her volunteer commitments include Junior League, PEO Sisterhood, Fannie Battle Day Home, and her church. She is a member of the Nashville Alumnae Chapter.

April Pinkston DuPree, Zeta Lambda/Charleston, is the newly elected **Fraternity vice-president membership**. Her previous Theta background includes service as a membership district director, Panhellenic district director, finance district director, and advisory board chairman.

In her community, DuPree is active on her PTA board and the alumni association board of the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics; she is also a member of the Charleston Alumnae Chapter. She works for Blackbaud in customer support and product development.

Julie Ruffolo Gilpin, Alpha/DePauw, begins her first term as **Fraternity vice-president public relations**, having served Theta for four years as Fraternity vice-president membership, as well as college district president, educational leadership consultant, and a member of the alumnae initiate task force.

In her community, she is a member of the Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter and has served as president of the Junior League and as a member of the Whitefish Bay Historical Preservation Committee; she is also active in her church and children's schools. Gilpin works as a consultant for Makena Consulting, LLC.

Kathleen Bennett Tonkel, Eta/Michigan, is the newly elected **president of Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation**. She previously served Theta Foundation as a trustee for three years and vice-president for six years, and her service to the Fraternity includes tenure as vice-president alumnae, vice-president extension, director of alumnae programming, alumnae district president, member of the NPC Extension Task

GRAND COUNCIL 2010-2012



Amy Hayner Kates
Alpha Phi/Tulane



Paige Bendel Ellerman
Gamma Iota/Kentucky



Laura Ware Doerre
Delta Xi/North Carolina



Suzanne Graf McLemore
Delta Pi/Tennessee

Force, and college chapter advisor.

Tonkel is currently a member of the Vero Beach Alumnae Chapter and has held multiple offices in other alumnae chapters. Outside of

Theta, she is co-chairman of the Grand Harbor Outreach Committee; a Junior League sustainer; and mentor, along with her husband, of a disadvantaged boy.

2010 GRAND CONVENTION AWARDS COLLEGE CHAPTER AWARDS

THETA FOUNDATION TOP IN UNRESTRICTED GIVING

AA/Washington
Runner Up: HU/San Diego

THETA FOUNDATION TOP IN GIVING TO THE FRIENDSHIP FUND

BE/UCLA
Runner Up: AH/Kansas State

THETA FOUNDATION TOP IN GIVING TO CASA

AH/Vanderbilt
Runner Up: O/USC

THETA FOUNDATION TOP IN GIVING TO A NAMED ENDOWED FUND

ΔΦ/Clemson

THETA FOUNDATION TOP IN OVERALL GIVING

ΔΦ/Clemson
Runner Up: BE/UCLA

EXCELLENCE IN ADMINISTRATION

ZΣ/Ohio Northern
Runner Up: HP/James Madison

EXCELLENCE IN RISK MANAGEMENT

ΔE/Arizona State
Runner Up: AM/Missouri

EXCELLENCE IN MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

ZM/MIT
Runner Up: HH/College of Idaho

EXCELLENCE IN ADVISORY BOARD

ΓM/Maryland
Runner Up: Ψ/Wisconsin

EXCELLENCE IN MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT AWARD

ΓΘ/Carnegie-Mellon
Runner-Up: ΓI/Kentucky

EXCELLENCE IN MEMBER EDUCATION

AO/Oklahoma
Runner up: ZP/UC San Diego

EXCELLENCE IN RITUAL APPRECIATION

Ψ/Wisconsin
Runner Up: EH/Centre College

EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC RELATIONS

AO/Oklahoma
Runner Up: P/Nebraska

HIGHEST SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

ΔE/Arizona State
Runner-Up: ZA/College of Charleston

CLEMENTINE ALLEN FACILITY DIRECTOR AWARD

ΓI/Kentucky
Runner Up: ΔΩ/Texas A&M

EXCELLENCE IN PANAHELLENIC AWARD

AM/Missouri
Runner Up: ZΣ/Ohio Northern

EXCELLENCE IN FACILITY MANAGEMENT (NON-RESIDENTIAL)

EH/Bucknell

EXCELLENCE IN FACILITY MANAGEMENT (RESIDENTIAL)

ZM/MIT
Runner-up: AH/Vanderbilt

COLLEGE PANAHELLENIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

University of Oklahoma Panhellenic Association
Runner up: MIT Panhellenic Association

SOARING KITE AWARD:

ZΘ/Cal Poly Tech
Runner up: HK/John Carroll

BRONZE KITE AWARDS

B/Indiana	ΓY/Miami
ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan	ΔK/Louisiana State
T/Northwestern	ΔY/Eastern Kentucky
Ψ/Wisconsin	ΔΦ/Clemson
ΔΘ/Texas	EH/Centre
AN/Montana	EO/Randolph-Macon
AI/North Dakota	EY/Columbia
AX/Purdue	EY/Richmond
AY/Lawrence	ZH/Wofford
BI/Colorado	ZA/Charleston
BO/Iowa	ZΞ-
BP/Duke	HM/Occidental
BΨ/McGill	HO/North Florida
BΩ/Colorado College	

SILVER KITE AWARDS

Γ/Butler	ΓTI/Iowa State
K/Kansas	ΓY/TCU
Φ/Pacific	ΔE/Arizona State
P/Nebraska	ΔI/Puget Sound
Y/Minnesota	ΔΘ/Florida
AH/Vanderbilt	EE/Baylor
AP/South Dakota	EΘ/Chicago
AT/Cincinnati	ZM/MIT
BX/Alberta	ZΘ/Cal Poly
BA/William & Mary	HH/College of Idaho
BT/Denison	HK/John Carroll
BY/British Columbia	HP/James Madison
BZ/Oklahoma State	HΣ/Chapman
ΓE/Western Ontario	HΘ/Central Florida
ΓM/Maryland	

GOLDEN KITE AWARDS

O/Southern California	ΔH/Kansas State
AM/Missouri	ΔΩ/Texas A&M
AO/Oklahoma	ΔZ/Emory
AΦ/Tulane	EI/Westminster
ΔΣ/Washington State	EA/Dickinson
ΓI/Kentucky	ZN/UC Davis
ΓΦ/Texas Tech	ZΣ/Ohio Northern
ΓT/Tulsa	ZY/UT Dallas
ΓZ/Connecticut	HE/Quinnipiac

SOARING KITE AWARD

ZΘ/Cal Poly
Runner-Up: HK/John Carroll

FOUNDERS AWARD FINALISTS

AM/Missouri
AO/Oklahoma
AΦ/Tulane
ΓI/Kentucky
EI/Westminster
HE/Quinnipiac

FOUNDERS AWARD

AM/Missouri



April Pinkston DuPree
ZA/Charleston



Julie Ruffolo Gilpin
A/DePauw



Kathleen Bennett Tonkel
H/Michigan

"I can't

believe it's over! I'm still reveling in the joy of meeting new friends and reminiscing about quality time spent with long-time "buds." It's so energizing to see the collegians in their first few years of this fabulous lifetime experience called Kappa Alpha Theta. What a journey they have ahead of them."

Laure McGregor Connor,
ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan



ALUMNAE CHAPTER AWARDS

THETA FOUNDATION TOP IN UNRESTRICTED GIVING

Dallas Alumnae Chapter
Runner Up: Oklahoma City Alumnae Chapter

THETA FOUNDATION TOP IN GIVING TO THE FRIENDSHIP FUND

Dallas Alumnae Chapter
Runner Up: Denver Alumnae Chapter

THETA FOUNDATION TOP IN GIVING TO CASA

Atlanta Alumnae Chapter
Runner Up: Fargo Alumnae Chapter

THETA FOUNDATION TOP IN GIVING TO A NAMED ENDOWED FUND

Houston Alumnae Chapter
Runner Up: Nashville Alumnae Chapter

THETA FOUNDATION TOP IN OVERALL GIVING

Dallas Alumnae Chapter
Runner Up: Nashville Alumnae Chapter

THETA FOUNDATION TOP IN OVERALL GIVING BASED ON DUES-PAYING MEMBERS

Nashville Alumnae Chapter
Runner Up: Westchester, New York

PANSY AWARDS

Baltimore
Central Arkansas
Chicago West Suburban
Clearwater
Cleveland West
Columbia Area, SC
Corpus Christi
Diablo Valley
Edmonton
Fairfield County
Fort Smith
Garland/Mesquite/Rockwall
Iowa City

Jacksonville
Katy/West Houston
Kingwood/Humble
Las Vegas
Lincoln
Los Angeles
Midland
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NC Triangle
Olympia
Pensacola
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Toronto
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Western North Carolina
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Annapolis/Severna Park
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Dayton
Delaware Area
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Fort Collins

A: Psi/Wisconsin was honored for excellence in ritual appreciation; B: 27 college chapters received Bronze Kite Awards; C: 29 college chapters received Silver Kite Awards; D: 18 college chapters received Golden Kite Awards; E: Alpha Mu/Missouri received the Founders Award, the most prestigious college chapter award; F: Table settings at the College Recognition Dinner featured star decorations; G: Gamma Iota/Kentucky received a Golden Kite award; H: Concord Alumnae Chapter received a Twin Stars Award; I: Golden Kite Awards created a beautiful display; J: Theta-Fraternity Vice-President College Amy Hayner Kates, AΦ/Tulane, emceed the College Recognition Dinner; K: Theta-Fraternity and Foundation presidents posed with Foundation award winners; L: Rockford Alumnae Chapter received a Pansy Award.

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Stillwater
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TWIN STARS AWARDS

Alaska
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Bloomington
Chattanooga
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Seattle
Spokane
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FOUNDERS AWARD NOMINEES

Atlanta Alumnae Chapter
Richmond, Va., Alumnae Chapter

FOUNDERS AWARD WINNER

Atlanta Alumnae Chapter ☐

“The final banquet was incredible. All week, the women who had attended Convention before told me it was going to be the best part, but I couldn't understand how it could possibly get better. Well, I was wrong. You could see on everyone's faces the pride and joy they felt to be representing their chapters.”

Laura Osborne
ΓΖ/Connecticut

MORE THAN A SERVICE PROJECT

BY LISA SMITH, ΔK/LSU

It started out as no more than a dream. When CASA of Collin County moved to their new McKinney, Texas, location in February 2009, the small stretch of property beside the building was overgrown with weeds and sometimes accommodated a parked car. McKinney community partners had developed plans to turn the side property into a safe and bright play yard. Such a project would require significant funding and hours of work to complete.

At about the same time, I was enjoying a pizza party with my fellow information technology (IT) associates at the JC Penney Home Office in Plano, Texas, where we had just completed a successful fund-raising campaign for United Way. We were seeking a "hands-on" project that would allow associates to have the rewarding experience of direct participation in community service. A friend who is a social worker in Dallas told me about the CASA project. Helping children in need, providing a super community service experience for our IT associates, and helping Theta's national charity! How could it get any better?

From July to the November 2009 ribbon-cutting, nearly 800 IT volunteers contributed cash, clothing, and toys for the CASA kids; painted murals inside and out; organized all the books, toys, and clothing, and cleaned the interior spaces. On each visit, we met with CASA advocates and staff to learn about how their program works for children in foster care due to abuse or neglect. One associate even completed CASA training!

Once construction began on the play yard, IT associate volunteers turned out to paint the building structures, install landscaping, and create a cheerful wall mural with characters inspired by *Charlotte's Web*, by EB White.

This project was personally meaningful in so many ways. While helping children and working with Theta's national charity, I developed a bond with many of my fellow associates who worked on the project. Volunteering at a fund-raiser gala for CASA in March, I also worked with collegians from the nearby Zeta Upsilon Chapter at UT Dallas. Helping to provide a play yard for CASA of Collin County has truly been a gift that keeps on giving. ♡



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

Top: JC Penney associates tour the completed CASA play yard they helped create; above: Lisa Smith, ΔK/LSU, posing with a *Charlotte's Web* wall mural in the play yard.

ROBIN JAMESON MCGRAW A THETA OF NOTE

ROBIN JAMESON MCGRAW WEARS MANY HATS. SHE IS A CONSTANT PRESENCE ON THE DR. PHIL SHOW, WHICH IS HOSTED BY HER HUSBAND, PHILLIP MCGRAW. SHE IS ACTIVE IN THE DR. PHIL FOUNDATION, SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS THAT ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. BOTH MCGRAWS HAVE ALSO SERVED AS AMBASSADORS FOR CASA. ROBIN MCGRAW WAS INITIATED BY THE OMICRON CHAPTER AT USC IN MARCH 2010.

TELL US SOMETHING THAT SURPRISED YOU ABOUT BECOMING A THETA.

What surprised me most—in fact thrilled me—about becoming a Theta was the intense passion that members have for their sisterhood and for all of the good works that they do, particularly CASA. When you're in the presence of Thetas, you are aware that as diverse as the group may be, there is a sameness of mind and purpose to do good things in this world. I felt at home from the minute I stepped into that circle of vibrant women.

HOW DID YOUR CASA INVOLVEMENT LEAD YOU TO JOIN THETA?

There are no children more disadvantaged than those who get caught up in the foster care system. Once I had the opportunity to learn about CASA and their mission to help needy children, it was immediately apparent what a vital part of the CASA army Theta was. I was so moved by their passionate pursuit of the goal to help these foster children. When I was then given the honor to become part of Theta, I just knew that it was meant to be.

AS SOMEONE INVOLVED WITH A NUMBER OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, WHAT TO YOU IS THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING?

I certainly encourage everyone to give what they can monetarily, but there is no greater gift than to give of your time and heart, skills and abilities ... something you simply cannot put a price on. I hope that everyone who becomes aware of CASA and the committed work that

Theta does will find a way to lend a hand to help a child. It truly is the ripple effect in its most literal sense.

WHAT WAS YOUR CHILDHOOD AMBITION?

I have always known that my role in this world was to be a wife and a mother. That can certainly sound old-fashioned, but it was true for me. Knowing how hard it was as a married, stay-at-home mom, I have to say that my real heroes in this world are the women who do it so well and manage a career as well. (Men could never pull it off!) I am especially in awe of all the wonderful single mothers who are charged with parenting their children as well as keeping a roof over their head and taking care of all the financial responsibilities!

LOOKING AT YOU, NO ONE WOULD GUESS THAT....

I am a certified marksman with a handgun. I can hit eight out of 10 bullets in a two-inch bull's-eye from 25 feet. I am also a very good cook, and no, I don't shoot what I cook.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THETA MEMORY (SO FAR)?

Without disclosing any secrets, my initiation into the Fraternity was one of the most unforgettable experiences in my life. The fun, energy, compassion, love and camaraderie in Theta is so very special and something that I would wish everyone could enjoy in some fashion at some time in their lives. ♡



FUN FACT

The fictional character with whom McGraw most identifies is Dorothy from The Wizard of Oz. "I have such a spirit of adventure, but there is no place like home!"

“I don’t think *anything could top the experiences I had in Antarctica. It was truly once in a lifetime.*”



ON THE ICE

BY JAN SCHMITZ MATHEW, Δ/ILLINOIS

ARMED WITH WOOL SOCKS, A RUGGED “BIG RED” PARKA, AND HER CACHE OF COMFORT FOOD, SAUNDRA EDBERG KEILLOR WEATHERED AN 11-WEEK ASSIGNMENT IN ANTARCTICA



Following a 24-hour flight—the last five hours of which were aboard a C17 military plane—Saundra Edberg Keillor would have relished a warm reception upon arrival.

Instead, she was welcomed to Antarctica by howling winds that had dropped already-frigid temperatures to -40 degrees, and a stark, monochromatic landscape illuminated only slightly by milky sunshine. Amid the austere scenery was Keillor's home for the next eleven weeks: McMurdo Station, an American Antarctic research center located on the southern tip of Ross Island on the shore of the Antarctic continent.

"I was very excited about the opportunity, but also a little nervous," admits Keillor, Gamma Nu/North Dakota State. "I knew this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Employed since October 2007 as a human resources specialist for Raytheon Polar Services (RPSC), headquartered in Centennial, Colo., Keillor also knew her turn on "The Ice" was inevitable. "There are twenty people in Raytheon's human resources department, and most of them have spent time in Antarctica," Keillor says, adding that South Pole offers are based on seniority.

Keillor's employer, RPSC, exists specifically to meet the needs of the National Science Foundation Office of Polar Programs, which provides support to the United States Antarctic Program. This range of services includes science support, operations, information technology and communications systems, logistics, and facilities engineering and construction for three year-round US Antarctic stations, two research vessels, and numerous field camps.

Among these, McMurdo, with a population ranging from 800 to 1,200 residents, is the largest Antarctica station and the logistics hub of the US Antarctic Program.

Keillor lived and worked at McMurdo from early October 2009 to mid-December 2009. Her stay coordinated with Antarctica's "summer" season—a period from September to March when high temperatures average 30 degrees; lows average -40; and the sun, which appears to move in a counter-clockwise circle, is continuously above the horizon.

NAVIGATING THE "NEIGHBORHOOD"

Although McMurdo often is perceived as a small

and rugged outpost, the polar opposite is true. Its 85 buildings range in size from a small radio shack to large, three-story structures. Repair facilities, dormitories, administrative buildings, a firehouse, power plant, water distillation plant, wharf, stores, clubs, warehouses, and state-of-the-art laboratories are linked by above-ground water, sewer, telephone, and power lines. A transportation "hub," McMurdo also has a harbor, landing strips on sea ice and shelf ice, and a helicopter pad.

"McMurdo is like a small city, with residents who range from doctors to plumbers," Keillor says, noting that scientists compose only a fraction of the population. "For me, McMurdo had the combined feel of a mining town and a campus town." The campus town ambiance, she adds, was expressed by several bars, fitness classes, recreational sports leagues, and a range of special events.

Within this unique community, Keillor's responsibilities included enrolling employees in benefit programs, conducting orientations and workshops, and serving as a contact person for questions. "Occasionally, I dealt with employee issues," she says. "Within a harsh, isolated environment, little things can quickly become big things. Conflict resolution was very important, particularly when you share work space, living space, and recreational space."

A typical workday started around 7 a.m. with a bracing and very brief walk from her dorm to office. Due to the time difference—colleagues in Colorado were 20 hours behind McMurdo—much of Keillor's morning was devoted to correspondence and e-mails. By 5:30 p.m., it was time to call it a day, with most weeks averaging 54 hours. "At week number eight, I wondered how I was going to make it for another three," Keillor admits. "Time really dragged on my days off."

Daily challenges affected mind and body. "Because there is very little external influence, living on The Ice really heightens your personality, and you learn a lot about yourself," she says. "If you're a creative person, you become even more creative. Or if you're a jerk, you can become a really big jerk."

"As both a colleague and a friend, the key for me was to be sensitive and to stay positive."

The environment packed some physical punches as well. By the end of Keillor's stay, daylight spanned 24/7. Although dorm windows were

Crabeater seals are the most abundant of the Antarctic seal species; the courtship of emperor penguins includes trumpeting and pair bonding; humpback whales feed in polar waters during the summer.

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covered with blackout material, most residents were still plagued by insomnia. "It was hard to sleep because you didn't feel tired, and nothing 'told' you it was nighttime," she recalls.

By contrast, most of Antarctica is completely dark during the winter, and no one leaves The Ice from February until August. "Employees who spend winters there have a psychological evaluation before they go to make sure they can handle the conditions," Keillor says. McMurdo's numerous "light" rooms, which feature bright lights, fireplaces, and music, help counteract the darkness.

With the largest contiguous desert on earth, Antarctica's dry conditions also contribute to its harsh climate. Terrain ranges from ice plains to dry valleys of rock and shale and, because the extreme cold freezes water vapor out of the air, the continent's interior is considered the world's driest desert. "It was amazing how quickly you could get dehydrated," Keillor recalls. Eye irritations were common, too, due to volcanic ash from nearby Mt. Erebus, the highest point on Ross Island and the southernmost active volcano in the world.

"Antarctica has no vegetation, and no scents," she adds. "So when I returned home, one of the first things that struck me was my heightened sense of smell. Colors surprised me for a while, too, because all you see are blues, whites, and browns. Everything at home seemed so bright!"

BRAVING SOME BOONDOOGLES

Despite a compromised range of color, eleven weeks in Antarctica still provided plenty of illu-

minating experiences in the form of field trips—or, in McMurdo lingo—"boondoggles."

The first adventure took Keillor trekking over sea ice to a remote island, populated only by a small diving hut. There she helped two divers before and after their dive, and caught glimpses of seals. "It was a surreal experience," she recalls. "We were out in the middle of nowhere, but I felt like I was at the right place at the right time."

Her next excursion led to Cape Evans, located on Ross Island and the site of Scott's Hut—originally built in 1910 and used by Robert Falcon Scott's British Antarctic Expedition of 1910-1913. Abandoned in 1917, this historic hut remained untouched until 1956, when members of a US expedition dug it out from snow and ice.

"The hut was incredibly well-preserved, and we saw the original instruments and bunk beds," Keillor says. "It looked like the explorers had just walked out."

Also roaming about the site was a group of indigenous "explorers"—twelve emperor penguins. "They spotted us and walked right up in a single file line," Keillor recalls. "Penguins rarely come that close to humans, but they hung around our vehicle for about twenty minutes. It was incredible."

Ice caves were another spectacular sight. In groups of six, Keillor and fellow adventurers climbed into the cave's opening and slid down to see beautiful ice formations.

Weekly scientific presentations provided the chance to see Antarctica through modern-day

GETTING FROM HERE TO THERE

Not designed for the fidgety flyer, Keillor's connections from Colorado to Antarctica started with a 2-1/2 hour flight from Denver to Los Angeles; then fourteen hours in the air from Los Angeles to Sydney, Australia; and, next, a three-hour flight from Sydney to Christchurch, New Zealand. The Raytheon group spent a couple of days in Christchurch to assemble their arctic weather gear before flying the final five hours to McMurdo.



explorers' eyes. In particular, some of McMurdo's scientists are studying a range of odd-looking sea creatures in efforts to understand how they survive without freezing in the waters of Antarctica.

Keillor's stay on The Ice also coincided with the filming of a BBC documentary and the crew often shared clips, especially of their exploits near Mt. Erebus. One view, looking down from the top of the volcano, showed its lava lake—estimated to be miles deep and churning at 1,700-degrees Fahrenheit. Mount Erebus is one of only a few active volcanoes in the world with exposed magma.

"I don't think anything could top the experiences I had in Antarctica," Keillor says. "It was truly once in a lifetime."

ONE DOWN, SIX TO GO . . .

Back at Raytheon Polar Service's Colorado headquarters, Keillor's primary responsibility is extending the same lucky chance to a wide range of professionals. "I focus on recruiting support staff to run McMurdo," says Keillor, "and that translates to every type of professional you'd need to run a city."

"Anyone who's been to Antarctica is so passionate about time spent there. It's fun—and challenging—to convince other people to experience it."

Interacting with a cross-section of people and addressing their workplace needs are two aspects that originally attracted Keillor to the human resources field. A native of Coon Rapids, Minn., she attended North Dakota

State—where she pledged Theta—for two years. Following her father's cancer diagnosis, Keillor transferred to St. Cloud University in order to be closer to home. She earned her bachelor of science degree in human resources from St. Cloud in 2007.

"It was hard to leave North Dakota State, but my dad was proud of me," says Keillor of her father, Charles Edberg, who died in November 2006. "He and my grandmother both graduated from St. Cloud University, so it was a very significant place for my family." Within the next several years, Keillor plans to pursue her master's degree in order to work as a human resources generalist—a title that would include strategic planning and employee relations and benefits, versus strictly recruitment.

Between now and then, though, she'll likely continue to rack up the frequent flyer miles. Her husband, Steve, is a pilot for Great Lakes Aviation, and perks include the occasional chance for free stand-by flights. Destinations, she admits, are fairly ambitious.

"I'd like to get to all seven continents," Keillor says. "After all, I already have the hardest one down!" ♦

(Opposite) Keillor arriving at McMurdo Station, Antarctica. (Above, clockwise from top left) McMurdo Station, home to more than 1,100 people during the arctic summer; Keillor braving the frigid cold; station personnel conducting a glacier search and rescue drill; a snowy sheathbill, Antarctica's only non-migratory, land-based bird; a C-17 cargo jet flown by the US Air Force awaits passengers; and a hut at Cape Evans, originally built in 1910 for Robert Falcon Scott's British Antarctic Expedition of 1910-1913 and last used by Sir Ernest Shackleton's Ross Sea Party in 1916.

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THETA AMBASSADORS TRAVELERS' TALES

BY JENNIFER BROUGHTON, Γ/BUTLER

Among the long list of responsibilities of Kappa Alpha Theta's educational leadership consultants (ELCs) is blogging. The 2009-10 ELCs documented their experiences throughout the year in a blog on the Theta website. Between stories of meeting Thetas from across the US and Canada, participating in exciting chapter events, touring college campuses, learning about different cultures, and crazy travel experiences, the ELC blog is extremely entertaining and provides a first-hand glimpse into the life of a consultant. This year, the ten women who are serving the Fraternity as ELCs will also blog throughout their travels. To follow the blog, visit the Kappa Alpha Theta website. Below are a few of our favorite excerpts from the 2009-10 ELC blog.

"Working for Theta as an ELC has turned us into quite experienced travelers. It is hard to believe the past four months have flown (no pun intended) by so quickly. I thought it would be interesting to put some numbers with my traveling. This semester, I have been on 37 flights, flown in and out of 21 different airports, spent 4,281 minutes in an airplane (almost three full days) and traveled roughly 28,007 miles, which would get me around the world one full time with about 3,000 miles to spare!"

— Mallory Butts
"A Semester of Travels," 12/14/2009

"My third stop in Canada is the Beta Upsilon Chapter in Vancouver, BC. It may seem like a coincidence that I happen to be here the week that the 2010 Winter Olympics begin, but it's not. The beauty of being an ELC for Theta is that we have the flexibility of creating our own

schedules. So, of course the minute I found out I was assigned to UBC, I looked up the dates of the Olympics, and here I am! Right across the street from the Panhellenic building is UBC's Thunderbird stadium, which is where the women's hockey portion of the Olympics will be taking place. It is so incredible to be here at this time and feel the Olympic spirit! In about an hour, I am joining the chapter on a sisterhood event to go watch the Olympic torch relay on campus. After traveling to many different cities and countries, the torch finally arrives in Vancouver just in time for the Olympics!"

— Taryn Dorfman
"Hello Winter," 2/11/2009

"In the past four months, I have been in ten states, at least 16 different airports, and spent 60 wonderful days on the road meeting hundreds of college Thetas. It hasn't always been

Clockwise from left: Mallory Butts, AT/Ohio, and the Kansas "Jayhawk"; Jennica Prescott, AΣ/Washington State (left), at a football game; Taryn Dorfman, HΘ/Central Florida (left), at the Winter Olympics; Alyssa Walker, AΦ/North Dakota, boards a plane.

My personal growth and professional experience have been immeasurable, and I owe it all to this job."

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easy; there have been some stressful travel days and difficult conversations, but I can honestly say that even through all of that, both I and the chapter members have come out on top."

— Lauren Misiewicz
"Happy Halloween," 10/31/2009

"This week I was asked what the best food I've had on my travels was, and it got me thinking. I simply cannot choose just one meal because I've enjoyed all of it. My favorite meals on the road have been served in Theta facilities and restaurants, in campus cafeterias and airports and even on airplanes. Here is a list of my top ten favorite meals of my ELC experiences so far:

10. Brown University's vegan cafeteria
9. Continental Airlines' complimentary pre-packaged airplane meals
8. Fast food (In-N-Out Burger, Sonic, & Five Guys)
7. Cupeakes (Sprinkles in Orange County & Crumbs in Malibu)
6. Anything a Theta chef prepared
5. JMU's on-campus cafeteria food
4. Frozen yogurt
3. Asian food in Irvine, Calif.
2. Mexican food in Old Town San Diego
1. Naked Tehopstix in Indianapolis"

— Taryn Dorfman
"Bon Appetit," 11/22/2009

"Being an ELC is truly inspiring on so many levels. My wanderlust soul is continually satisfied moving from state to state, and I am constantly motivated by the women I meet along the way. I read in a recent Fraternity publication that ELCs on average meet and work with 810 women a year. I am well on my way to that number and have been so enlightened and uplifted by their kind and generous spirits. It definitely gives me hope for our world to see so many great leaders out there, and it makes me even more proud that I can call those women Thetas."

— Jennica Prescott
"North of the Border," 10/21/2009

"As ELCs, we have the opportunity to work not only with the amazing women of all our Theta chapters but also to attend conferences and other events in the Greek community. At the beginning of October, I went to the National Hazing Symposium at the University of Maine. The symposium, put on by HazingPrevention.Org, brought together sports coaches, Greek life administrators, fraternity and sorority representatives and hazing

research experts. In a "think tank" style, we worked as a team to explore the current research findings on hazing and to develop a draft for a national agenda on hazing prevention. It was very inspirational and enlightening to be in a room with so many great minds working together to find a solution."

— Jennica Prescott
"National Hazing Symposium," 10/9/2009

"I am truly grateful that I have had the opportunity to see most of this great country and experience all that each state has to offer. Unlike many of my close friends who traveled overseas immediately after graduating, I took advantage of exploring the US as an ELC and couldn't be happier that I did. My map is covered with colorful dots indicating places I've visited, each with a fun story to go with it! Over the years, the ELC program has evolved into something so unbelievable that I sometimes wonder myself how I was lucky enough to have ended up here. My personal growth and professional experience have been immeasurable, and I owe it all to this job."

— Taryn Dorfman
"ELC Last Will and Testament," 5/7/2009

"I am so thankful for this opportunity of a lifetime and for all the wonderful Thetas whom I have met along the way! Being an ELC is literally the best job ever, and already I have done so many awesome things and have met some great people! This semester, I have seen how wine is made at Fresno State University (Gamma Chi Chapter), climbed a mountain at the University of Montana (Alpha Nu Chapter), stayed in the same hotel as the Minnesota Vikings in Appleton, Wis. (Alpha Psi Chapter), and watched my first Big Ten football game at the University of Wisconsin (Psi Chapter). I can't believe that I am getting paid to represent an organization that I absolutely love and believe in and getting to meet women who are making a difference in the world, all the while learning about myself and becoming a better leader and person! There really isn't anything like the ELC program that helps you develop professionally, morally, socially, and personally. So, my question to anyone graduating soon is, WHY NOT APPLY!? I encourage all Thetas who are loyal, faithful, and enthusiastic workers to submit an application to become an ELC!"

— Alyssa Walker
"Why Not Apply?" 11/18/2009

INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR THE ELC PROGRAM?

Applications for service during the 2011-2012 academic year are due

December 1,
2010.

Applications can be found in the ELC Area of the Kappa Alpha Theta website.

If you have questions regarding the ELC program or if you would like to request additional information, please contact, Jennifer Broughton, assistant director of chapter services, jbroughton@kappaalpha-theta.org or 317-876-1870.

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MEET THE 2010 - 2011 ELCS:

*denotes second-year ELC

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DID YOU KNOW?

The ELC program began in 1959.

352 women have served the Fraternity as ELCs.

Approximately 60 percent of the ELC program is funded by Theta Foundation.

With a count of 13, Beta Zeta/Oklahoma State is the college chapter that has had the most graduates serve as ELCs.

In the last six years, 100 percent of ELCs have gone on to continue their education or have obtained a job within three months.

ELCs have helped establish 85 college chapters since the program began.



2010-11 ELCs: Back: Hillary Holmes, Stacy Jernett, Alyssa Walker; middle: Kristen McManis, Justine Fowler, Lauren Lyons, Kristen Whitaker; front: Katie Wilkerson, Mallory Scott, and Katherine Murphy.



SISTERHOOD AND SAFETY

PROGRAM HELPS CONSULTANTS MANAGE RISK AT CHAPTERS

Risk management is not a term that occurs regularly in conversation for most people. Yet for Kappa Alpha Theta's educational leadership consultants (ELCs)—as well as for the traveling consultants of other Greek-letter organizations—risk management is a topic of much discussion because it is of vital importance for our chapters.

On college campuses today, risk management is an issue that Kappa Alpha Theta cannot ignore. It is the responsibility of all college chapters to be knowledgeable about Theta's risk management expectations and proactive in adhering to Fraternity, FIPG (Fraternity Information Programming Group, Inc.), and campus policies, as well as federal, state/province, and local laws. Helping to educate Theta college chapters about risk management issues is one task of the ELCs as they travel across the continent.

In 1992, Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity began an educational program for the traveling consultants of men's and women's fraternal groups called Risk Management on the Road (RMOTR). The Sorority Division of MJ Insurance joined Kappa Alpha Theta in 2005 to both expand RMOTR programming and narrow its focus to women's fraternity and sorority traveling consultants and their supervisors. The risk exposures for women's groups are generally much different from those of men's groups; the engagement of alumnae volunteers and university professionals is different for women's groups, and the networking that results from participation in this seminar can be a valuable tool for these young women while they are on the road.

"Risk Management on the Road is a powerful tool to bring women together to celebrate Panhellenic sisterhood while learning critical skills to manage risk," said Colleen Coffey, program manager for the National Mental Health Awareness Campaign and RMOTR facilitator.

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Again this year, Risk Management on the Road brought together women's fraternal traveling staffs to learn about and discuss the critical issue of risk management in our Greek community. Kappa Alpha Theta and MJ Insurance provide a program designed to be an outstanding training opportunity and professional development tool for the traveling staffs of the NPC groups. Theta and MJ Insurance also subsidize the financial cost of RMOTR, making it free (not including travel expenses) for any participating group.

In addition to Coffey and experts from MJ Insurance, the 2010 program featured Julie Burkhard, CAMPUSPEAK; Mike Dilbeck, the RESPONSE ABILITY Project; and Dave Westol, Limberlost Consulting.

"I applaud Kappa Alpha Theta for bringing the message of bystander behavior and intervention to these amazing women as they prepare to empower other college women to do the right thing when they see a problem behavior," said Dilbeck.

Over the years, the mission of RMOTR has remained the same: to increase the skills and competence of traveling consultants. Within this goal, the program has continued to evolve to include expert-driven content with an emphasis on applying the learning, to incorporate opportunities for the supervisors of travelers to participate and meet as a group, and to open sessions to other staff and volunteers who may have a special interest in a specific topic. ☐

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Top left: Mike Dilbeck, the RESPONSE ABILITY Project, discussed how to create a future without bystander behavior with RMOTR participants.

Risk Management on the Road is a powerful tool to bring women together ... while learning critical skills to manage risk."



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WORKS IN PROGRESS

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THIS YEAR: the Beta Nu Chapter at Florida State, and the Gamma Mu Chapter at Maryland. featured On this page are "before" (*above*) and "after" (*below*) photos of the Gamma Mu Chapter. An update on Beta Nu will be published in the Winter issue of the Theta magazine. ♦

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